AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for facilitating implementation of an automated system for transacting business, the system having a plurality of users, the users being subject to predetermined rules governing business conduct, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a user identifier to each user of the system;

preparing a security profile corresponding to each identifier, each security profile including a set of authorized transactions;

preparing a list of pairs of incompatible transactions if performed by the same user in accordance with said predetermined rules;

comparing each security profile with said list to identify security profiles including at least one pair of incompatible transactions; and

generating a report indicating those security profiles which include incompatible transactions and the user identifiers associated with those security profiles.

Claim 2 (original): A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

after said preparing steps, storing the security profiles and the list of pairs of incompatible transactions in a computer-readable storage medium; and

retrieving the security profiles and the list of pairs of incompatible transactions from the computer-readable storage medium,

wherein said comparing step and said generating step are automated.

Claim 3 (original): A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

modifying at least one of

(a) a security profile including a pair of incompatible transactions, and

(b) said list of pairs of incompatible transactions, so that said security profile after modification does not include a pair of incompatible transactions; and

generating a report indicating the modification made in said modifying step.

(Claims 4-6 (cancelled))

Claim 7 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium having stored therein instructions for performing a method for facilitating implementation of an automated system for transacting business, the system having a plurality of users, the users being subject to predetermined rules governing business conduct, the method comprising the steps of:

retrieving a security profile associated with each user identifier, the security profile including a set of authorized transactions;

retrieving a list of pairs of incompatible transactions if performed by the same user, where said list is prepared in accordance with said predetermined rules;

comparing each security profile with said list, to identify security profiles including at least one pair of incompatible transactions; and

generating a report indicating those security profiles which include incompatible transaction and the user identifiers associated with those security profiles.

(Claim 8 (cancelled))